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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG (NAM), AF  
SUBJECT: AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON FORTHCOMING  
NONALIGNED CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE

REF: A. STATE 178240; B. STATE 178242

1. ON JULY 20, I CALLED ON AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH  
AMIN AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF NONALIGNED  
FOREIGN MINISTERS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT BELGRADE, JULY 25 TO  
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29. I DREW FROM THE TALKING POINTS PRESENTED IN REFTELS A AND B  
AND LEFT HIM A DETAILED AIDE-MEMOIRE ON ALL OF THE POINTS COVERED.

2. AMIN MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO THE POINTS I RAISED.  
HE DID ASSURE ME, HOWEVER, THAT AFGHANISTAN INTENDED TO PURSUE AN  
INDEPENDENT COURSE IN THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, FOLLOWING ONLY  
THOSE POLICIES KABUL REGARDS AS "RIGHT." AMIN OBSERVED THAT THE

AFGHANS DO NOT EXPECT ALL OF THEIR NONALIGNED DECISIONS TO PLEASE "EVERYONE," IMPLYING THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT AFGHAN ADHERENCE TO POSITIONS WHICH WOULD TROUBLE US FROM TIME TO TIME.

3. AMIN SAID THAT THERE WILL BE MORE ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE DEBATED AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE THAN HAD BEEN THE CASE AT MAY'S HAVANA CONFERENCE (WHICH HAD ENDED SHORTLY AFTER THE APRIL 27 REVOLUTION). HE THOUGHT THAT A "TENDENCY TOWARD A SPLIT" MIGHT ARISE, BUT DID NOT EXPECT AN ACTUAL SPLIT TO OCCUR. AMIN FORESAW THAT THE TWO MOST DEVISIVE AREAS OF DEBATE WOULD BE THOSE INVOLVING AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

4. AMIN WILL BE DEPARTING KABUL FOR BELGRADE ON SUNDAY, JULY 23. HE HAS BEEN PRECEDED BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFERENCE AIDE, ABDUL MAJID MANGAL, WHO LEFT KABUL ON JULY 20, ACCOMPANIED BY SAIF RAHMAN KATIL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S THIRD POLITICAL DIVISION (EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS), AND AN UNNAMED "THIRD SECRETARY." MANGAL, A CAREER DIPLOMAT HELD OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS REGIME AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CONFERENCES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DIVISION, COULD BE A USEFUL CONTACT FOR U.S. OFFICIALS IN BELGRADE TO MEET. ALTHOUGH HE USUALLY APPEARS TO BE FRIENDLY AND SELF-ASSURED, HE MIGHT NOW BE SOMEWHAT CAUTIOUS ABOUT EXPRESSING ANY VIEWS, HOWEVER. KATIL MIGHT ALSO BE WORTH APPROACHING. AMIN, MANGAL, AND KATIL ALL SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH.

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